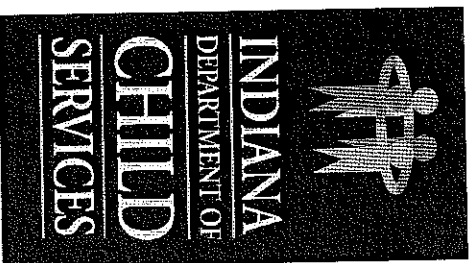


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Substance Abuse

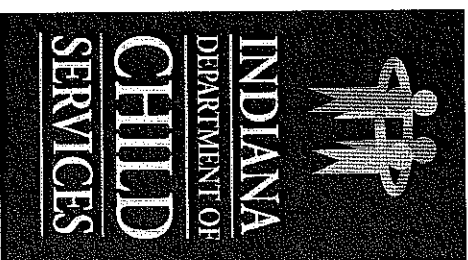
Consideration	Aggravating Factor	Mitigating Factor
Manufacture/distribution/sale of illegal substances on property where child resides	If manufacturing → automatic assessment If distribution/sale → consider risk of harm to child associated with these activities	No
Child access and/or use	Parent facilitates, or does not take appropriate measures to prevent, child's access to and/or use of substances	Parent takes precautions to prevent child access/use/misuse
P/G/C's impairment/incapacity	P/G/C use/abuse impairs ability to properly care for their child (provide food, clothing, shelter, supervision, medical care, education) -- ask for and cite specific examples given by reporter	No



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Lice, Bed Bugs, Roaches, Fleas

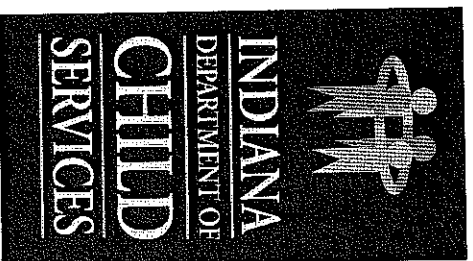
Consideration	Aggravating Factor	Mitigating Factor
First instance	Only if health issue arises → open sores, oozing, medical issues arising	No health issue → consider referral to Community Partners
Any parent or guardian is treating	No → assess effects below	Yes → treatment sought by at least one P/G; no major effects or no ongoing issue
Age of Child	Child under 1 year of age	Child 1 year of age or older
Child's Health & Developmental Status	Child has a serious or chronic medical issue or developmental disability which limits his/her physical, cognitive, and/or self-care capacities.	Child's health & development is within a normal range
EFFECTS: Ongoing problem with negative effect (i.e. chronic school absences); repeated attempts to treat have failed	Yes → consider whether parents need help/resources vs. coercive intervention to deal with issue	No ongoing problems associated



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Suicidal Youth

Consideration	Aggravating Factor	Mitigating Factor
Report Source	Counselor or child reporting	Parent who is otherwise handling the situation → information and referral may be appropriate
Allegations present	RS indicating parental maltreatment as contributing factor to child's suicidal ideation/behavior	No allegations of parental maltreatment
Parental Knowledge and response	Aware and responding inappropriately given risk	Aware and responding appropriately OR Unaware → encourage RS that parents should be made aware and given opportunity to respond to their child's needs



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Educational Neglect

Consideration	Aggravating Factor	Mitigating Factor
Age of Child	5 years - 7 years (only if enrolled at any time prior to 7 th birthday) 7 years – 12 years	Over 12 → Refer to Prosecutor as truancy; inform Local Office Director via Information & referral
Parent awareness and level of cooperation	Parent made aware and uncooperative; problem continuing	Attempts not made to engage parents → encourage RS that parents should be made aware and given opportunity to respond to child's needs
Home schooling		Auto screen out due to lack of regulations DOE has around this form of schooling
Harm to Child	Reporter can present a reasonable allegation that the child is suffering from school absences	No allegation of harm to child
Unexcused absences	10 or more	Less than 10 in one academic year
School's Role		<i>School</i> refuses to let child attend

Fatality Guidance

- All fatalities reported to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline will be assigned if the allegations are sudden, unexpected, AND unexplained AND there is an allegation of abuse and/or neglect.
- All fatalities involving children age 12 months and under which are reported to the Child Abuse and Neglect Hotline will be assigned if the allegations are sudden, unexpected, AND unexplained. Additional allegations of abuse and/or neglect are not necessary to initiate assessment in this age group.